However, there is nothing to confirm that they are not actually doing so. Accordingly, the Supreme Court of India in its Order dated 11th December, 2001 had directed that information relating to buyers of ultrasound machines may be obtained from the manufacturers, importers, suppliers etc. of such machines.

A list of over 11,000 buyers of ultrasound machines received from the suppliers has already been passed on to the States/UTs for ensuring the registration of clinics at the addresses cited under the said PNDT Act, and for prosecution of those who may be found misusing these machines for detection of sex of foetus.

In a subsequent order dated 29th January, 2002 the Supreme Court has directed the sealing and seizure of ultrasound machines/scanners used by organizations not registered under the said Act. All the States and UTs have been advised to take immediate necessary steps to implement these directives.

Medical facilities for psycho patients

†352. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate attention is not being paid towards medical facilities for psycho patients in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government will seriously consider to provide adequate facilities to them; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) There are over 18,000 beds for pshychiatric patients spread across 37 Government mental hospitals in the country and about 3500 beds located in general hospitals/hospitals affiliated to medical colleges. Availability of pshychotropic drugs is satisfactory and the cost of such drugs is reasonable/affordable. Under the National Mental Health Programme, the Government has already initiated a pilot programme named the District Mental Health Programme, which is currently being implemented in 25 districts covering 20 States and Union Territories. Its aim is to identify persons suffering from various mental disorders and epilepsy and manage that at the primary health care centre and district level by trained doctors and with the active support of the families and the community in which the mental patient lives. A proposal for comprehensive mental health programme during the Xth Plan, including components of improving

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

infrastructure of all mental health institutions in the Public Sector, has been submitted to the Planning Commission.

Confiscation of ultrasound machines in unlicensed clinics

353. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed the State Governments to confiscate ultrasound machines being used to determine the sex of foetus in clinics run without licences; and

(b) if so, the number of such ultrasound machines seized and sealed in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. In its Order dated 29th January, 2002, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has directed the State Governments/UTs to seal and seize the ultrasound machines/scanners used by such organizations as have not got themselves registered under the Pre-natal Diagnotic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994.

(b) These order were passed a little over month ago. We continue to receive reports. As per the reports available, the number of ultrasound machines seized/sealed in States/UTs is:

(i) Haryana -1

(ii) Karnataka -5

(iii) Delhi -1

Kidney trade in Karnataka

354. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kidney trade is still flourishing in Karnataka especially in Bangalore City, where a recipient has to pay between Rs. 90,000/ to 1 lakh for a kidney and the donor gets only Rs. 40,000/-and remaining amount is pocketed by the middlemen;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected last year; and